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Alternative homecoming festivities lift spirits

By Kylie Newton

Homecoming may have been different compared to years previous, but the pep and excitement was still alive within the student body. This year's festivities included the traditional hallway decorating and dress up days along with the new incorporations of Pioneer Olympics, painting parking spots, the penny drive, and a senior class trip. Students enjoyed the opportunity to have homecoming activities, despite challenges.

"It was awesome that we were able to continue the traditions here even in the midst of such a weird time," freshman Ezra Linnan said.

Many students appreciated the normalcy of keeping the dress up days alive during an abnormal year.

"They [the dress up days] were fun, and it was nice to not lose those because of COVID-19. They were really one of the most entertaining ways to celebrate homecoming," freshman Kylee Duessler said.

Hallway decorating continued as well, with each hallway assigned a different Halloween theme.

"I thought the different themes were fun and unique and I thought it was really cool that both sections of our class could come together to pull off a really amazing hallway," junior Brooklyn Brauner said. "This year has not been normal, but it's been great that we're still finding ways to make it seem a little bit normal."

Another new activity was the senior class trip up north. The seniors dressed with school spirit and were given the entire day for various fun activities, including a segway tour, carving



Senior girls partake in team building exercise at Peninsula State Park during class trip.

pumpkins, and going on a hike at Peninsula State Park, to name a few.

Seniors took this day as a moment to cherish memories with their fellow senior classmates.

"I enjoyed being able to have the whole senior class there because with our schedule I don't get to see a lot of them," senior Haylen Retzlaff said.

English teacher Heather Spetz helped plan and participated in this senior trip. For both her and students alike, the segway tour was a favorite.

"I especially enjoyed watching the students learn from the instructors, making their way from the turtle setting to full speed," Spetz said. "Some of us were a bit wobbly at first, but through trial and error we all mastered it. There were smiles on everyone's faces."

To wrap up the day, those on homecoming court were celebrated, as court king and queen were revealed via Facebook Live at Peninsula State Park.

"Homecoming court was not celebrated as

much as it has been in the past, but that came with having no dance or football to use for recognition...However, being introduced on Eagle Trail, overlooking the water, provided for a beautiful setting that was different than any year before," senior court member Sasha Laaksonen said.

While many of these new additions were added in compromise of the pandemic this year, high school principal Adam Baier hopes that some of these new traditions will stay for years to come.

"I feel like the students have tried their hardest and made the best out of every situation, and that has meant so much to me and the teachers, because we are all surviving this pandemic together and we all are encountering the same challenges," Baier said.

Though homecoming may have been different compared to previous years, students and staff alike were able to come together to create meaningful memories that allow for future optimism at Sevastopol.

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Junk in the Trunk

Featuring: Logan Beyer's Vehicle

By Maggie Ripp

Though fairly mundane and underwhelming, the random items thrown, dropped, and lost in a student's trunk can reveal more about a person than commonly believed. Junk in the Trunk strives to highlight the arbitrary nature of the average teen's trunk in an attempt to showcase even the most ordinary aspects of teenage life possess immense value.

This issue of Junk in the Trunk features senior Logan Beyer. Beyer's trunk holds exactly what one might expect of a teenage boy's trunk: eight pairs of clean socks, one pair of dirty socks, a set of golf clubs, an empty bottle of Pure Leaf tea, a pack of band-aids, football gloves, and one spare tire. At first glance, these items reveal little about the inner workings of Beyer's mind. However, with deeper inspection, one can steal a glimpse of the multiple sides of Beyer's personality illuminated by the random items.

"On the weekends I hang out with my friends and I drive so they put their socks in the trunk and then everyone forgets their stuff and we go through it once a month," Beyer said regarding the nine pairs of socks in his trunk.

While the socks reveal a sense of unity and closeness in Beyer's friendships, the band-aid pack may indicate Beyer is accident-prone, or he likes to be prepared, which the spare



tire reinforces. The golf clubs and football gloves reveal the senior athlete prioritizes sports and staying active. And the empty bottle of Pure Leaf signifies either laziness, forgetfulness, or a combination of both. But then again, what are trunks for if not to hold the numerous empty bottles a teen amasses in a month? Or maybe that's what the back-seat is for.

People often look to a person's words or actions for an accurate reflection of them as a human. However, just as much can be revealed in the simplest details of a person's day to day life as through chatting with someone. Never underestimate the power in simplicity, or the value in one's junk in the trunk.

Signs from above

What the stars reveal about your personality





Astrology is the basic idea that the sun, moon, planets, and constellations are correlated with life on Earth. This theory uses a set of rules about the relative positions and movements of the sun, moon, planets, and stars to generate predictions and explanations for events on Earth and human personality traits. These explanations can be so general that any outcome could be interpreted as fitting the expectations, causing astrology not to be testable, yet there are very specific expectations that are verified by the outcomes in the natural world.





Now it is time to actually find out what your star sign is and a few personality traits that match each star sign. The pink words are typically thought of as having positive connotations, while the blue words elicit more negative connotations.



- Capricorn December 22- January 19: **Ambitious, Patient, Grudging, Pessimistic**
 - Aquarius January 20- February 18: **Humanitarian, Loyal, Unemotional, Unpredictable**
 - Pisces February 19- March 20: **Imaginative, Compassionate, Secretive, Gullible**
 - Aries March 21- April 19: **Confident, Quick-witted, Quick-tempered, Impulsive**
 - Taurus April 20- May 20: **Reliable, Warmhearted, Self-indulgent, Inflexible**
 - Gemini May 21- June 20: **Lively, Adaptable, Superficial, Nervous**
 - Cancer June 21- July 22: **Emotional, Imaginative, Clingy, Moody**
 - Leo July 23- August 22: **Strong Willed, Self Confident, Intolerant, Bossy**
 - Virgo August 23- September 22: **Modest, Intelligent, Overcritical, Worrier**
 - Libra September 23- October 22: **Easygoing, Idealistic, Indecisive, Easily influenced**
 - Scorpio October 23- November 21: **Exciting, Powerful, Jealous, Compulsive**
 - Sagittarius November 22- December 21: **Good-Humored, Straightforward, Irresponsible, Superficial**
- How well do your horoscope personality traits describe you?
- Yours Truly,
Emma Olson, sophomore

Sweets and Sours

-  Seniors have their own lunch room now! Administration and staff are truly trying to make this year the best it can be for seniors. Thank you for trying to make it special for us!
-  Congratulations to the cross country teams for not only finishing their season, but for being conference champs, and for the girls making it to state!
-  Silent applause for everyone that has managed to wear a mask properly!
-  We're saving paper with everything going virtual. Long live the trees.

-  ● We are still in a global pandemic. People still don't know how to wear their masks correctly.
-  ● We are finishing our year off virtually. See y'all in 2021!
-  ● Everything is getting cancelled! Some fall sports are moved to spring and winter sports aren't looking too dependable either.
-  ● Traditional homecoming was cancelled. Good luck to next year's seniors.

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Editorial: Mask Edition

By Maggie Ripp

If you watch any news station, read any news article, or simply listen and observe those around you, there is a common theme that revolves around conversation and headline news: the mask. The small piece of fabric has managed to divide the country into two sides: those who wear a mask, and those who do not.

At the beginning of lockdown back in March, mask wearing became a thing. It was abnormal and may have felt uncomfortable for many, however, one of our greatest attributes as human beings is our ability to adapt. Our ability to survive as a species depends on this ability to adapt.

When we are asked to wear a mask in order to protect ours and others' lives, or asked to socially distance, it is a form of adaptation because we want the human species to survive beyond this point. Through wearing a mask, we can prevent the spread of COVID-19, which is responsible for 1.62 mil deaths worldwide.

As cases are on the rise in Door County and around the state, it becomes even more impera-

tive that we follow the scientific community, medical community and our governor's guidelines. The CDC recommends wearing a mask because they serve as a "barrier to help prevent your respiratory droplets from reaching others." Countless scientific studies have proven the effectiveness of masks, if protecting others was not reason enough to wear one.



For a long time, I believed our desire to protect those around us was an innate quality that most if not all humans possessed. As social animals, our entire existence is built on paying it forward. We help others and care for others in hopes that they will do the same in return. It is a biological transaction that has existed before the pandemic and will hopefully survive the pandemic.

This devastating time has il-

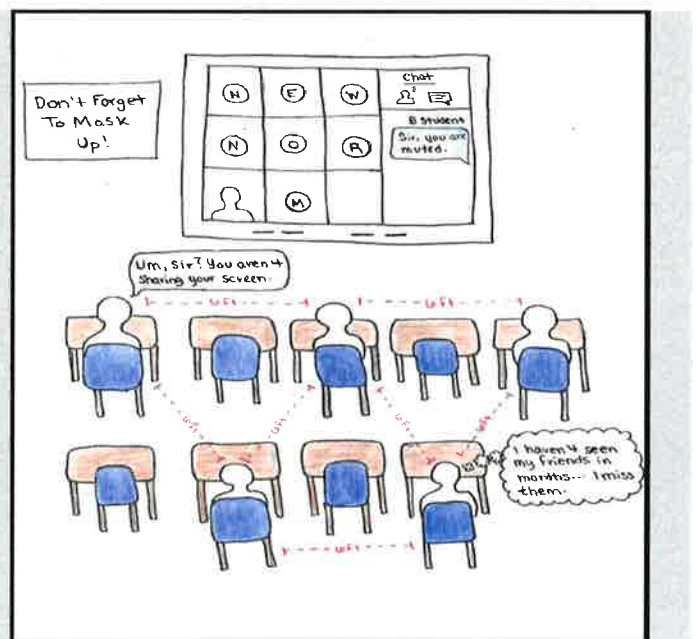
luminated a very sad reality for all of us. Those who we once thought valued our health, our lives, our very existence, are now turning their backs in the name of politics. Caring for others is never a political agenda. It is not propaganda and it does not imply a future of our rights being revoked. If you have the ability to potentially prevent a loved one, a friend, even a stranger, from becoming ill, why not jump at the chance to do so.

Additionally, everyone can come to an unanimous agreement that we all want a sense of normalcy. This isolation period we are experiencing right now opposes the very nature of human beings. Thankfully, we have the option to wear a mask, which helps move our goal for normalcy forward.

Once again, regardless of the science, the politics, and the beliefs everyone holds, there is one incredibly easy task we are all capable of doing, and that is wearing a mask. Protecting others is a part of society and a part of being a sentient creature; it is nothing unprecedented like this pandemic.

Editorial Cartoon: The New Norm

By McKenzie Wiesner



School construction progresses rapidly

By Emma Olson

With everything else going on in the world, it may be easy to forget that there is a brand new section of our school being built in our backyard. Since groundbreaking last spring, the construction crews have been moving full-steam ahead.

Most recently, they have been putting up the exterior brick, which makes the addition really start to feel like Sevastopol. They needed to match the brick with the existing brick, so it took a little longer than usual, however, once they started putting it up, it seemed like the building was transformed overnight. Crews are also adding a new material to the exterior of the school. They are installing red metal panels which adds a modern touch to the exterior and strays from the traditional stone exterior of the old building.

As a staff, we have had the opportunity to tour the addition many times throughout the year so far. On our latest tour, you can truly see classrooms and working spaces coming to life with the addition of interior drywall.

Superintendent Kyle Luedtke is excited to see how the renovation and addition opens up



Courtyard for early elementary school students.

High school science rooms in progress.

news learning opportunities for all students.

“The thing that excites me the most about the new school is the multiple new opportunities for all grade levels, including the new science wing for high school, new classrooms for the elementary school, and upgrades to special education,” Luedtke said. “Physically, the number of windows with an impeccable view is amazing in the new addition.”

For future generations of students, the new school will offer advanced labs and advanced shop and tech classes, providing students with ample opportunities to explore their educational aspirations.

The banging, crashing, and knocking that disrupts classes right now is minor compared to the possibilities the new building will offer.

Focus put on mental health in the classroom

By McKenzie Wiesner

Even before the global pandemic, school closures, and modified school day schedules, students’ social-emotional well-being and mental health were identified as important aspects of education.

“Social-emotional learning includes so many things. It is about understanding and managing emotions, feeling and showing empathy, building positive relationships, and making good decisions. It is important because these are skills we all need to be happy and productive at all ages of our life, from preschool, to high school and in adult life,” Trauma Sensitive Team member and school counselor Melissa Malcore said.

One of the strategies to build these skills in the classroom is to have students reflect on their “highs and lows,” even if it is only for five minutes. Through this, students and teachers can work on understanding emotions, showing empathy and building relationships.

One student explained how high school math teacher Kyle Schleis has adapted his

daily routine by substituting the previously used “Problem of the Day” with a few moments of intentional grounding and relaxation before jumping into the day’s lesson.

Additionally, high school english teacher Heather Spetz implements time outside of the classroom in the form of nature walks as it is good for both learning and the soul.

Along with specific implements within classes, social-emotional needs are being met just by coming into school. Every time that a staff member or peer asks how someone is doing, social-emotional needs are being recognized and met.

“We looked at a need for our kids—we all want our kids to be well-balanced, not only academically, but also emotionally and behaviorally. Teaching our staff and giving resources to our students is our top priority so their social-emotional wellbeing is intact, and then they can tackle their academics much easier,” Pupil Services Director Melissa Marggraf said.

Recent scheduling changes have resulted in less face-to-face time between

students and staff, meaning that it is vital for staff to focus on building relationships when they are in the building.

“It is also extremely important for everyone to be mindful of new struggles, loneliness, stress and anxiety from the changes we have all experienced,” Malcore said.

Trauma Sensitive member Jen Wiesner commented on how masks and social distancing have made additional impacts on our mental health.

“Wearing masks has seemed to also impact people’s willingness to interact with others. Students and staff alike tend to avoid eye contact and casual social interactions, such as saying ‘good morning’ or ‘how are you?’ New forms of communication and continuing to connect with everyone will prevent students from feeling lost or ignored,” Wiesner said.

While masks are contributing to our safety, it becomes even more important to greet our peers and teachers to avoid feelings of loneliness. This intentional focus on social-emotional learning will continue to allow students to thrive and ‘Pioneer the next generation.’

New staff additions to music and English department

By Kylie Newton and McKenzie Wiesner

Choir teacher Acacia Angelo



New choir teacher Acacia Angelo comes with a heightened enthusiasm for her first year teaching job at Sevastopol, which she felt was the school meant for her.

"As crazy as it sounds, I felt like I was supposed to be here. You may have heard the saying, "When you know, you know." That was Sevastopol for me, so here we are!"

Angelo grew up in the small town of Phillips, Wisconsin where she worked on a dairy farm. She soon transitioned to college life at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, where she graduated with a music major and music education minor.

While attending UWGB, she worked a plethora of jobs including a group fitness instructor, a college resident assistant, an education intern for a local environmental organization, an at-risk youth after-school program teacher, and an adventure trips summer camp counselor.

Joining Sevastopol's staff has been a welcoming experience for her. "I feel so welcomed by everyone. The staff are beyond amazing here, and I've loved getting to know the students over the past few weeks! I am thankful to be here," Angelo said.

Along with singing and playing piano and guitar, Angelo enjoys going for hikes, taking pictures of nature, and spending time with loved ones in her free time.

After a few college classes, she knew that becoming a teacher was the right path for her. "I care immensely about people and youth, and it gives me the chance to be a stable adult in children's lives," Angelo said.

English teacher Sarah Muraski



With the immense passion that incoming High School English and Reading Intervention Teacher Sarah Muraski brings into the Sevastopol school district, it may come as a surprise that her heart was not always set on being a teacher.

While studying at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Muraski majored in three different areas: English with an emphasis in Creative Writing, History with focus on Early America, and French. Her first work experience at a law firm sparked an interest for law school, however in the process of studying for tests to get into said field, her calling for teaching blossomed.

"A principal asked me if I could sub for four months in her middle school... in science and math. I laughed and asked if she had looked at my resume -- since I had majored in everything else! But I ended up taking a chance, and those four months turned into twenty-two years in education," Muraski said.

Growing up just outside of Green Bay in Bellevue, Wisconsin, Muraski was no stranger to the beauty of Door County. She noted that she has always loved the county and heard great things about Sevastopol, but it was the positive atmosphere that sealed the deal.

"I am always so impressed by how polite the students are. It means so much to your teachers when you say, 'Thank you' as you leave the room, or, 'Good morning' or, 'Hello' to us in the halls. Your positivity and willingness to work with us makes it all worth it," Muraski said.

While she loves being inside the classroom, there are many outdoor activities that Muraski takes part in. Muraski enjoys fishing, hiking, and kayaking, along with more creative hobbies such as playing the piano or harp, reading, continuing to write her novel which she has been working on for the past five years, painting, and learning new things, but none as huge as traveling.

"I have been to most of the states east of the Mississippi River except Maine and Louisiana, so I would like to collect those, and then finish the southwest, Alaska, and Hawaii as well as the rest of Canada -I've been to Ontario and Quebec-and Europe. Bucket list items include taking my daughter to find our ancestral lands in the British Isles," Muraski said.

For now Muraski is content with continuing to teach others and learn new things along the way, but her dream to better society through means of reaching out to others will never fade.

Fall sports amid the COVID-19 pandemic

By Kylie Newton

With the pandemic transforming daily life, everything changes, including sports. Despite the challenges this year brings, there still are opportunities for athletes during this time of uncertainty. Administration adapted to try to prevent the spread of the coronavirus this fall season, making many compromises in hopes of allowing the sports to continue.

While cross country had a successful fall season, soccer, swimming, football, and volleyball have been moved to what is called “the alternate season.” This season will begin Feb. 22.

Athletic Director Brooke Tanck explains the pandemic guidelines for athletes: required masks unless doing a high intensity workout, pre-practice screening of athletes, sanitization of any equipment that was used, and sanitation of the athletes’ hands throughout practice.

During their brief season, volleyball and football had to wear masks during the entirety of practices and meets, while cross country and swimming had specific guidelines regarding the mask order.

When getting screened and warming up before practices and meets, cross country runners had to keep their masks on but were allowed to take them off while running in the workout or race.

Swimmers followed a similar process, required to wear their masks on the pool deck before practices and in between heats at meets but did not wear them while in motion.

For many athletes, this year is a chance to regain what was lost in the spring sport season last school year. Last spring, athlete Olivia Stenzel was approaching her hopeful third attempt to make it to the State Track and Field meet when the coronavirus prevented those plans from becoming accomplished.

“I was looking forward to the 4x800[relay],



Door County United Girls Swim Team at an intersquad meet prior to season cancellation.

and it was sad because I knew that Mya and Lizzy (senior athletes qualifying for state with Olivia on their relay team for two years) weren’t going to be there,” Stenzel said.

Stenzel fortunately got the opportunity to run cross country and qualify for state with her team this fall and will go on to compete in track and field this upcoming spring if possible.

For others, the cancellations of many of this year’s fall sports provided some unexpected success with new opportunities. Soccer players found an interest in football once their soccer season was cancelled. They were able to practice and play a few games in the brief football season.

Spencer Evenson, a senior and a part of the 2018 eight-man state champion football team, used these circumstances to his advantage by participating in both football and cross country, making the switch full-time to cross country once the football season moved to spring. Though appreciating the normalcy of a few games with his team in football, Evenson also enjoyed the different atmosphere of cross country.

“My favorite part of the cross country season I would have to say was being surrounded

by a new set of friends that pushed me in a different way to be better. It was nice coming out and running, and, at the first meet, we got conference champs. I was proud of each and every one of us,” Evenson states.

Despite the challenges at first, Evenson overall appreciates this experience, which he described as his backup plan from the start.

“There were for sure difficulties. I felt like I couldn’t catch my breath at first. It was totally different running than football...It pushed me to be a better runner and ultimately taught me how to handle different circumstances that I am not used to. It is definitely not as easy as it may seem,” Evenson said.

From his positive personal experience, Spencer recommends that, during this time, others try new things as well.

“You have nothing to lose if you aren’t doing anything anyway. If anything, it will make you better or you will find something new that you like.”

With the current progression of winter sports and impending approach of alternate fall and spring sport seasons to come, athletes must continue to persevere in these hapless circumstances.

Basketball seasons temporarily postponed

By Chips Staff

As we switched from fall into winter, boys’ and girls’ basketball, wrestling, and boys’ swimming began their seasons. Both the wrestling program and swimming program are considered Sturgeon Bay athletic programs because of the co-op. They are still practicing and competing as of now.

Basketball started their seasons and were able to play a few games, however, after both

teams had a positive case of Covid-19, their seasons were postponed.

Per WIAA and Packerland Conference guidelines, there is a mandatory 14-day quarantine for the team when an athlete tests positive that has been in contact with the team. Those who have already had COVID or were not present at practice the day of contact do not have to quarantine.

The girls’ team quarantine ends Dec. 17 and the boys’ ends Dec. 22nd.

All athletic activities are temporarily suspended through Dec. 25 at Sevastopol. This does not affect wrestling or swimming. The board of education will consider reopening basketball at the Dec. 17th meeting. After the meeting, the school will send out communication regarding the fate of the rest of the season.

Olivia Stenzel completes last XC season as four-time-conference-champion

By Maggie Ripp

Senior cross country runner Olivia Stenzel placed first in the Packerland Conference with an impressive 19:43.05, which makes Stenzel the conference champion for four consecutive years.

Following her conference win, Stenzel concluded her season with her fourth and last state meet where she placed seventh individually.

Stenzel's passion for running is evident through the many months and hours she dedicates to the sport, logging five to six miles on average every practice, and even more in the summers. The team's and Stenzel's hard work all season paid off with the girls team head-

ing off to the state championship. Running at state for the last time with her team was a huge accomplishment that Stenzel will cherish forever.

"The whole season led up to that one race, and the whole team formed a bond that we will remember for the rest of our lives," Stenzel said regarding her last year as part of the Pioneer cross country team. "It didn't hit me until the ride home. It was really surreal. I was thinking 'two hours ago I was just running at my last cross country meet.'"

Stenzel suffers from shin splints, and knee problems due to running, but that has yet to keep her from giving all her effort in each meet and practice.

"It is easy to get down when you don't perform as well as you think you should. So staying focused on the long-term goal and pushing through the pain is important," Stenzel said.

Throughout her running career, Stenzel has proven she is a steadfast competitor in the sport. Stenzel seems like a gentle, unassuming runner at first glance, but once she hits the trail her competitive and fearless side ignites.

"The competitiveness; I have fun running because I like competing," Stenzel said on what she enjoys the most about running.



Cross country coach Annie Kapolnek coached Stenzel during her last year running for Sevastopol and confirms that Stenzel is truly a natural at the sport. Stenzel holds a strong sense of determination and is always willing to put in the extra mile, both figuratively and literally, to prove her competitiveness.

"She's a fierce competitor but humble about her accomplishments and left it all on the course at state," Kapolnek said.

In addition to always bringing the competition to meets, Stenzel displayed her leadership skills through welcoming the freshmen onto the team and motivating her teammates during intense practices.

"I like being the senior and taking in the new runners because the seniors did that for me when I was a freshman. Team bonding as a whole, whether that's making it through a hard practice or team dinners, it's the whole thing," Stenzel said regarding her favorite memories from cross country.

This season was unlike any other season. The constant threat of postponing the sport to spring lingered in the athletes' minds after every meet, but luckily, that never became a reality. Even though traditional team bonding and team dinners were not the same, Stenzel recognizes the value of her team.

"Covid made me realize how much I would miss it if it wasn't here," Stenzel said. "And that comes with getting to know my teammates."

After four years of running both cross country and track, Stenzel has obtained vast experience in the sport and offers advice to current runners and the generations to come.

"For incoming freshmen, I would want them to just go out for the sport. It is very rewarding, and if you aren't out for a sport, why not just try it? You have nothing to lose," Stenzel urges. "For current runners, don't forget to soak it in, it goes by fast."

Cross Country Wrapped

By Maggie Ripp



This fall season for sports was truly like no other season in history. Just weeks into the season almost all sports were postponed until spring time except one: cross country. Cross country continued with many newly implemented health and safety precautions.

While the fear of their sport being cancelled remained at the back of the runners' minds for a large part of the season, the athletes persevered and put in full effort at each practice and meet. Their hard work and dedication paid off as both the boys and girls teams competed fiercely at conference as both teams took home the conference championship title.

Following conference, the team competed at sectionals where the girls team qualified for state for the first time since 2008. Qualifying for state is a huge accomplishment any year, but this year especially with the different challenges the team faced every day.

"The highlight of the season was seeing the girls team when they heard that they made it to state. To see the pure excitement and tears of joy in their faces was priceless," coach Annie Kapolnek recounted.

Some students had to quarantine from a few days to a few weeks, posing new difficulties in their training regimen. However, the runners proved their commitment to the sport and their team as they continued to train hard even in solitude.

"I'm most proud of the way they handled everything going on and did the best they could," coach Kapolnek said. "There were a lot of challenges but the main thing is that each runner will be able to look back at what they achieved when there was a huge chance of having no season at all and have fulfillment in that."

Emma's guide to fashion

From **BASIC** to **BOUJEE** in just three simple steps

By Emma Olson

Fashion: A popular trend, especially in styles of dress and ornament, manners or behavior. Besides the ornament, manners or behavior, fashion can be whatever you want it to be. If trendy clothing is your thing, go for it. If jeans and a t-shirt are your thing, go for it. If dressing to the nines every single day is your thing, go for it. No matter what, and as cheesy as it sounds, you should just feel comfortable and confident in what you are wearing. Don't just buy something because it is what the new 'it' thing is, buy it because you are truly going to wear it and feel good in it. By doing this, you can also save money because the clothes you wear won't go out of style in your eyes.

For the first issue, I am covering something that I truly believe in; you can dress up and get more wear out of a plain shirt and jeans by adding unique accent pieces. Being able to take a black shirt and pair of jeans and make 101 different outfits could really change the way that people look at fashion. For instance, adding a sterling silver chain is an inexpensive option. Speaking of inexpensive options that are still amazing, you can



find many quality items on clearance, at outlet malls, or while thrifting, and find fashionable accent pieces without breaking the bank.

My first outfit is "the fancy outfit," which includes a kimono and plaid loafers. Kimonos are a great way to add a pop of color, and to bring a certain extravagance to your outfit, yet

they are still extremely comfortable. I chose the plaid loafers for the same reason, they add a little bit of funk to your outfit, yet are still comfortable and can be worn with many other articles of clothing.

The next outfit idea is the "sporty outfit." This includes a pair of sneakers and a windbreaker. Adding something like a windbreaker adds depth to make it look like you put in more work on your outfit than you actually did. I chose to wear a pair of basketball shoes to bring out more of the sporty factor, but you can make do with what you have.



The third and final outfit is a more casual option with an oversized jean jacket and a pair of red Converse. Having a pop of color in your shoes is practical because you can keep your jacket basic in order to get more use out of it. Since my jacket is oversized, this adds more of a casual element.

Hopefully my advice will help you narrow your style down and seek out different articles of clothing to elevate outfits subtly and cheaply.

Question of the Month

What is your spirit animal?

Compiled by Jack de Young and Frankie Ash



"A parrot because they are funny and forgetful, just like me."

-Andre Estes
2024



"A starfish because Patrick is awesome and they are lazy, chill, and I dig their vibe."

-Cole Albertson
2023



"A honey badger because they are fearless, they have a short temper, and you don't want to mess with them."

-Drake Knapton
2022



"Porcupines because they are small but fierce and you can't approach them without being scared."

-Sasha Laaksonen
2021



"A humpback whale because they are really big, can sing songs, and can travel long distances."

-Mr. Irwin
Special Ed. Aide